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Charles Osborn Reade

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2005 (Paper No. 05182005) the above-identified U.S. patent application, please consider the following reply.